

# Village of Climax

Regular Meeting

March 1, 2011

Present: Dave Hopkins, Tom Jones, Bill Lewis, Norm Lyons, Jason Slann, Terry Strong, Kyle Smith – President and Deb Wyant - Treasurer.

Absent: None

Guests: Steve Johnson, John Cook.

**(Lewis/Hopkins)** Motion to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

**(Lewis/Strong)** Motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 2011 with the following correction – **(Slann/Strong)** made the motion to approve the Treasurer’s report. Unanimously approved.

Guests:

Climax Fire Department Chief, Steve Johnson, spoke regarding Charleston Township’s desire to donate a warning siren to the village. They are purchasing several through a grant and by donating one to the village will cover their south eastern border. It is a 12-year old 360 degree rotating siren. If we take the siren: Who will be operating the siren? How and when will it be activated? Where do we locate it? What will be the total cost to install the donated siren? When do we need to make a decision? These are questions that will be worked out. Mr. Johnson will work on these details. The village has been looking into a siren for many years, but the costs have been prohibitive.

- **(Lyons/Strong)** Motion to accept the offer from Charleston Township to donate the warning siren to the village and that our participation shall not exceed \$2000 for the 2011-12 budget year. Unanimously approved.
- Note: A new line item titled, “Public Service: Maint/Equip” will be created and \$2000 will be taken from the Law Enforcement line item.

Communications:

- 1) Library President, Ralph Weessies, submitted village resident, Becky Ploch, to serve on the Library Board. **(Lewis/Strong)** Motion to appoint Becky Ploch to the Library Board. Unanimously approved.
- 2) Thank you note to our DPW for the fine job of keeping our roads cleared.
- 3) MML communications regarding saving the “statutory” portion of municipality revenue sharing funds.
- 4) KCRC – a local rural task force is looking into transportation funds and designating them throughout the county.

Public Works:

- 1) Water sample and pump reports are done for March.
- 2) Perceptive Controls company reset the water control computer system and got it back running. Repair cost should be approximately \$600.
- 3) We were finally billed by Perceptive Controls for the past maintenance issue.
- 4) Two new water hook ups: 144 Sheldon and 126 Watson.
- 5) John will take water system study classes in the fall. The location of the class is in Kalamazoo County which will help reduce the cost to the village.
  - A motion was offered to acknowledge the fall 2011 class for John Cook. Failed due to no support (felt motion was not needed).

Water: no report

Parks/Cemetery/Library: The audit of the library – who is responsible? No money in library budget to cover cost of budget. When did the separate cost occur? Why?

Streets:

- 1) Street light is still out on Sheldon/Cherry.
- 2) Mr. Hopkins looked into solar power lighting. A solar kit per light cost \$1000. He will look into LED lighting.
- 3) Railroad crossings are getting bad. Need to contact the railroad.
- 4) Cost to chip seal – do we have updated cost estimates from the county.

Administration:

- 1) 111 W. Maple property:
  - Reviewed time line
  - Cost to village is 19,109.68.
    - Pay the cost now.
    - Do not pay and county will withhold money from the delinquent tax roll. The interest will keep adding and cost the village more.
    - **(Lyons/Jones)** Motion to pay Kalamazoo County Treasurer \$19,109.68, under protest, for property 111 W. Maple property. Ayes: Jones, Strong, Hopkins, Lyons and Smith; Nays: Lewis, Slann. Motion carried 5 to 2.
- 2) Reviewed the proposed 2011-12 budget.
  - Made final adjustments in preparation for the budget hearing on March 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Do not separate vacation pay among the various funds this year. Will consider for future budget years.
  - Computer options: Purchase a new one or upgrade the RAM. Mr. Slann will look at the computer and make a recommendation.

Public Safety: No report.

Ordinance:

- 1) New developments on outdoor burners.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- 1) Trash pickup dates provided by Best Way were reviewed. Council did not like the April date and asked the Clerk to see if there is a May date. The September 24<sup>th</sup> date was fine. Clerk instructed to change the spring date if possible.

(Hopkins/Lyons) The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.  
Scott Torrance - Village Clerk